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TO SELECTED CELLULAR LOCATIONS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2001, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

In the Specification

Please add the following paragraph:

At page 1, line 5 before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is filed under 35 U.S.C. 371(e) from PCT/US99/07847 filed April 8, 1999, which claims priority from U.S. provisional application Serial Nos. 60/081,118 filed April 8, 1998 and 60/081,340 filed April 9, 1998, all of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety.--

At page 59 of the present application, please add the following Abstract:

The present invention provides methods and reagents for targeting probes to selected cellular locations, through the expression of specific binding partners to that probe within the cell. In one embodiment, the probes may comprise spectroscopic probe that can be used in a method for localizing a specific binding partner within a cell, and for creating assays for post-